



#### **MEETING PROGRAM**

Our presenter will be Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA. Carl will give a presentation on Antennas for Higher Bands.

### **MEETING NOTICE**

The May, 2022 meeting of the SDDXC will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30 P.M. PDST at Elijah's Restaurant located at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard as well as on Zoom. Come early for social hour and dinner

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# From the Prez . . .

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Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:30 P.M. at Elijah's Restaurant at 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Come early for social hour and dinner.

A Zoom link has also been set up (see Zoom invitation below).

Our presenter this month will be Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA. He will give a presentation on Antennas for Higher Bands.

## **SDDXC May Meeting**

Time: May 25, 2022 06:30 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time (US and Canada)

**To Join Zoom Meeting** 

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82696470962? pwd=jVsteQpJgbn7attJmZJ3aKUzli8xbb.1

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Miguel, KJ6YXI

# **Secretary/Treasurer Reports**

Randy, KQ6RS

## **SDDXC Meeting Minutes, April 27, 2022**

Our April meeting was held in person at Elijah's Restaurant and on Zoom. Twenty-Three members and one guest attended (13 in person and 10 on Zoom). Our guest was Patrick Novak, VK2PN.



At 6:30 P.M. Miguel Rivera, KJ6YXI called the meeting to order.

At 6:45 P.M. Tim Duffy, K3LR from DX Engineering gave a presentation on Antenna Building, followed by a question-and-answer session.

At 7:10 P.M. we held our round table.

At 7:37 P.M. the meeting was adjourned.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Income for April: None

Expenses for April: \$25.00 for CA Business Statement of Information filing,

\$200.00 renewal of club liability insurance through ARRL

Balance on 5/2/2022 \$ \$6,410.49

Randy, KQ6RS



# **SDDXC DX STANDINGS** By Glenn, AIGRR



Standings are always available on the SDDXC website at San Diego DX Club (sddxc.org)

By Glenn, AIGRR



# **SDDXC Contest Results** By John, K6AM



# **SDDXC RESULTS 2021 CQ WORLDWIDE CW DX CONTEST**

CLASS	CALL	SCORE	QSO'S	MLTS	FINISH
MS	ZF1A (ops W9KKN KI6RRN KN8U WD6T NT6V N2NL)	12,380,560	7,655	688	# 1 ZONE 8, # 9 WORLD This was a totally remote operation
M2	KL7RA (OPS KL7SB KLOR KF2T <b>K6ZH</b> N7QT)	8,367,838	7,028	502	# 1 ZONE 1, # 20 WORLD
SO - HP	J42L* (op N5ZO)	5,052,874	5,660	499	# 2 ZONE 20, # 18 WORLD
MS	NX6T @WA6TQT (OPS: <b>N6KI</b> WQ6X WM6Y K4RB <b>N6NC</b> N6CY K7ENA)	3,993,978	2,727	591	# 2 ZONE 3 This was a totally remote operation
SO – HP	K6NA	1,870,506	1,631	423	# 2 ZONE 3
SA – HP	NC6K	491,904	714	288	
SO - HP 20M	W6YA	389,532	1,095	132	# 4 ZONE 3
SO - HP (C)	K6AR	307,665	514	215	
SA – HP	N6CW	158,112	284	216	
SA – HP	K5OA	137,616	340	188	
SA – HP	N7CW	129,343	223	211	
SO – LP	W6JBR	5,502	50	42	

NOTE: This was the  $33^{\rm rd}$  zone that Marko, N5ZO has operated the CQWW contest from. Just 7 more to go to reach his lifetime goal of working from all 40 zones.

By John, K6AM

# From the Editor

By: Bob, K9RHY

# A HAPPY FAMILY REUNION AT HELSINKI AIRPORT **MAY 16, 2022**

Well-known DXpeditioner Alex, UT5UY has reunited with his family in Finland.







The war in Ukraine has become a heavy weight for the whole world and amateur radio operators alike. It was seventy-seven (77) days ago when Ukrainian amateur radio operators went off air and begun being worried about their families' safety and future. A month in the bomb shelter has affected Alex, UT5UY's family and son tremendously and it became clear that only one option remained for Alex: to send his family overseas to safety while he remained in Ukraine defending his homeland. This is the time when the ham community got together to help rescue his family and provide them with a reasonable life outside Ukraine.

With the war continuing and no end in sight, Alex, with a special permit, came to Finland to join his family. You can easily notice his family's happy faces at the Helsinki airport upon his arrival. After a 50 days hiatus, they came here to assess whether they could start a new life in the North Republic of Finland.

#### A NEW LIFE IS BEGINNING

Alex arrived in Finland with only one suitcase and his laptop computer, the same as his wife Sasha forty-five days earlier. Their son Daniel, 12yo is now in the school in Finland and his wife Sasha is busy taking two language courses simultaneously. With the high education from Ukraine their potential for a new beginning looks very good. Alex already received his new Finnish radio license at the airport and you will soon be able to hear OH5UY QRV.

It was amateur radio that has helped Alex's life improve for the better. Thank you to the group behind the scenes: Ralph, KOIR, John, NGOZ, Robert, WOZT, Glenn, W0GJ, Fred, K3ZO, Wayne, N7NG, Dave, N7NR, Bernie, W3UR, Jerry, WB9Z, Bill, NY9H, Bill, N9US, Hilkka, OH1DV, Pekka, OH1TV, Antti, OH7EA, the Metro DX Club and Northern Illinois DX Association and Marek, SP7VMM and Mira, SP7VUM who provided the land transportation in Poland.

Many people have inquired about an opportunity to help Alex, UT5UY/OH5UY with his new beginning. Such opportunity is now available at: *PayPal.Me/* ut5uysupport

If you have any questions or need additional details for your support please contact Adrian, KO8SCA ciup@yahoo.com or Martti, OH2BH at: oh2bh@sral.fi

Amateur Radio is a unique passion but is not a detached one. Wherever the world is heading, amateur radio always follows. When we see our own in need we should be able to stand up and get involved; both in good times and bad times. So let's unite now and show our mighty power!

The moment we hear Alex is back on the air and on the DXpeditioning trail we will know we have succeeded!

Thank You,

Adrian, KO8SCA, Martti, OH2BH, Pasi, OH2MZB, Pekka, OH2TA and Timo, OH5LLR

UT5UY EX: EM5UIA (IOTA EU-180), C91UY, 3DA0UY, C91CW, C93DY (IOTA new one AF-098), E21EIC/P (IOTA AS-126), 3D2TZ (IOTA OC-016), 3D2UY (IOTA OC-016), 3D2RI (IOTA OC-189), HC8/UT5UY (IOTA SA-004), 5W0OX (IOTA OC-097), ZK3X (IOTA OC-048), TX3T (Tahiti, IOTA OC-046), TX5A (Marquesas Isl., IOTA OC-027, CQ WW SSB 2011), TX7M (Marquesas Isl., IOTA OC-027), 8Q7UY (IOTA AS-013), V5/ UT5UY, 5H1XX (IOTA AF-032), 4S7AYG (IOTA AS-003), 5W0NA (IOTA OC-097), ZK3A (IOTA OC-048)

By: Bob, K9RHY

From the ARRL Newsletter with a "tip of the hat" to Don, K9UQN ......Scott was visiting Marconi Park near Knoxville an area that is getting to be home to a lot of ham radio companies. Scott was with TEN TEC before their shutdown.

## **Vibroplex Acquires SPE Expert Linear Amplifiers**

Vibroplex LLC, of Knoxville, Tennessee, has entered into a purchase agreement to acquire all operating assets related to the sale and servicing of SPE Expert linear amplifiers from Expert Linears America LLC, of Magnolia, Texas, for undisclosed terms. This is including contractual agreements for the exclusive sale and service of SPE Expert amplifiers for the United States and Canada. SPE, based in Rome, Italy, has also agreed to provide an extension to existing distribution agreements as part of the transaction. Vibroplex has taken over the exclusive US and Canada distribution and service of SPE Expert products effective May 1, 2022.

Present ELA LLC owner Bob Hardie, W5UQ, told ARRL, "I'm still doing a lot of the repairing, and I will be for a few years until I just can't repair anymore." Hardie will continue to provide repair and parts services for SPE Expert products on behalf of Vibroplex and function as a consultant during the transition to new ownership. An additional repair person has also been brought on by ELA and Vibroplex to assist with both future warranty and non-warranty service and tech support.

All SPE amplifier warranties presently in effect will be transferred to and administered by Vibroplex. Pending orders for SPE Expert unfulfilled prior to May 1, 2022, will be administered by Vibroplex with no additional delay over quoted delivery time added.



(left to right) Bob Hardie, W5UQ, and Elva Hardie, KG5HIE, of Expert Linear Amplifiers. Bob Hardie will continue repair SPE Expert products following the company's purchase by Vibroplex. [Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, photo]

SPE is owned and operated by Gianfranco Scasciafratti, IOZY, of Rome, Italy. The current SPE product line is distributed worldwide and consists of the SPE 1.3K-FA, SPE 1.5K-FA, and SPE 2K-FA solid-state linear amplifiers.



## **PRESS RELEASE Zorro JH1AJT – Silent Key**





## March 23, 2022

INDEXA, the DX community, and the world lost a great man. Zorro, JH1AJT, died on March 22, 2022 after a long battle with cancer. Until the end, he was optimistic, cheerful - and most importantly, concerned for his fellow human beings, especially disabled children. Through his schools and his humanitarian trips in Asia and Africa he brought a better life to all of those he touched.

We of the DX community are deeply indebted to him. He contributed generously to DXpeditions and encouraged and mentored operators.

Without Zorro's support our log books and our memories would be less than they are.

Zorro's legacy and a deep bond will live on within INDEXA. He estab-

lished and endowed INDEXA's Humanitarian Aid Fund. Through it, Zorro's helping hand will always be extended. We called each other "brother." But he was truly a brother to us all and all of us will miss him.